

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 6 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant
LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 6 during first quarter 2002 was 97,103, a decrease of 1.4% from fourth quarter 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 49. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 6 with 19,721 employees, or 20.3% of total employment. Rapides was the leading parish with 54,513 employees, or 56.1% of total employment.

Total wages increased 4.3% from the same period in 2001, and decreased by 8.7% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$467.32. Rapides parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$509.84.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 6 is listed in the following table. The

average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table, "Regional Labor Market Area 6" beginning on page 51.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Avoyelles	\$ 357.86
Catahoula	354.26
Concordia	401.31
Grant	485.97
LaSalle	395.36
Rapides	509.84
Vernon	454.49
Winn	435.14

The number of reporting units in RLMA 6 for first quarter 2002 was 6,445.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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